



SAWSTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the PLANNING & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MEETING HELD 21 NOVEMBER 2017

At Link Road Parish Council Offices - Meeting commenced at 7.30pm

PRESENT:

Assistant Parish Clerk Jo Keeler

Councillors

Janet Martin (Chairman)

Neil Reid

Brian Milnes

Tony Fell

Kevin Cuffley

Beck Laxton

David Bard

Ray Matthews

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Councillor Rajni Padia – Illness

2 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS FOR THIS MEETING

None

3 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 24 OCTOBER 2017

The minutes of the meeting held on 24 October 2017 were read, confirmed and signed.

It was **proposed** by Councillor David Bard and **seconded** by Councillor Kevin Cuffley to **accept** the minutes

VOTE: 8 FOR : 0 AGAINST UNANIMOUS

4 MATTERS ARISING – New information only

None

5 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Planning Application Ref	Location	SPC Comment:
S/3778/17/TC	5 day notice to remove a dead silver birch tree at 9 Hammonds Road, Sawston It was proposed by Councillor Neil Reid and seconded by Councillor Kevin Cuffley to support this application.	Support: Vote 8 Unanimous
S/2284/1OL	A hybrid outline/full planning application for comprehensive redevelopment of the Sawston Trade Park and surrounding vacant land for new business park comprising (1) an outline application for new business park (use Class B1) with ancillary 'hub' building (Use classes B1/A3/D1/D2) and associated car parking and landscaping with all matters reserved apart from highways and (2) full planning application for	Support in principle with the concerns and comments listed at the end of these minutes. Vote 6 for 2 no votes

	<p>refurbishment/repurposing of unit H, it's associated (initial) car parking and internal road/infrastructure at A1301/London Road, Pampisford</p> <p>It was proposed by Councillor Beck Laxton and seconded by Tony Fell to support this application with the attached concerns/comments</p>	
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6 PLANNING DECISION (FULL DETAILS ARE NOW ONLINE ONLY)

7 FEEDBACK REGARDING BONFIRE NIGHT 2017

The Clerk explained she was going to order some more of the collection buckets so that we can collect money from residents that were out on Huckeridge Hill/Cambridge Road. She will also ensure that next year there are labels on the buckets saying who is collecting the money and where the donations will be spent.

Councillor Janet Martin explained the disabled parking at Spicers was well used but we would need to get better signage for next year and get some cones so that people do not park in the entrance to Spicers.

8 UPDATE ON UNAUTHORISED ENCAMPMENT POLICY

Councillor Beck Laxton has written a draft policy which the Clerk will distribute for the next full parish meeting to be agreed. Councillor Janet Martin thanked her.

9 UPDATE ON VILLAGE SIGN

There was a discussion about how many signs the village should have and also where it should be located. It was agreed we want a decorative sign typical to the village of Sawston. The committee looked at some signs from other villages and the Clerk was asked to contact some other Parish Councils and ask them how much their signs cost and where they purchased them from. Once the Clerk has this information she will make it an agenda item to discuss further.

10 CONSIDERATION OF REQUEST FROM AN ALLOTMENT HOLDER TO HAVE COMPOST BINS AT THE ALLOTMENTS

The Clerk explained an allotment holder has asked the Parish Council to consider constructing some compost bins at the allotments instead of having skips. This was discussed and it was **proposed** by Councillor Kevin Cuffley and **seconded** by Councillor Neil Reid to leave the agreement as it is now and have the yearly skips as there is concern that having large compost bins would encourage rodents.

VOTE: 8 FOR : 0 AGAINST UNANIMOUS

11 REPLACEMENT TREES IN EDINBURGH AVENUE

The Clerk explained that she is waiting for the Tree Officer to confirm that two blossom trees will be suitable for this area.

12 TO DISCUSS THE OPEN SPACE AT PRINCESS DRIVE/WOODLAND ROAD

Councillor Kevin Cuffley explained that a couple of residents are concerned about this area being open and easily accessible for illegal encampments.

This was discussed and agreed the first action would be to confirm who owns this piece of land. Councillor David Bard agreed he go onto Land Registry and check this. It will be made an agenda item for the next Planning meeting to discuss.

13 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN UPDATE

Noted that there were no further updates since the full parish meeting and the next meeting of the working group would be held at 10:00 on Thursday 14 December at the PC Office – all councillors, Sawston residents and local group representatives were welcome. Planning

of a larger public engagement event would be included on the agenda. Councillor Bard had provided an article for Sawston Scene, again encouraging public involvement.

14 CORRESPONDENCE

None

15 COUNCILLORS ISSUES AND AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING: CONCERNING P & E ONLY

Councillor Beck Laxton felt there are too many bright lights on at night at the Medical Centre in London Road. This was discussed and the Clerk was asked to write to the Medical Centre asking if they would consider less lights at night or explain why there are so many bright lights that are on all night. Do they have any plans to make them environmentally friendly?

The meeting closed at 9.14pm

Response to Planning Application S/224/17/OL

A hybrid outline/full planning application for comprehensive redevelopment of the Sawston Trade Park and surrounding vacant land for new business park comprising (1) an outline application for new business park (use Class B1) with ancillary 'hub' building (Use classes B1/A3/D1/D2) and associated car parking and landscaping with all matters reserved apart from highways and (2) full planning application for refurbishment/repurposing of unit H, it's associated (initial) car parking and internal road/infrastructure at A1301/London Road, Pampisford

Sawston Parish Council Support this application in principle but have some comments/concerns

We have concerns with the 3 entrances on London Road. This is an extremely busy road already. We would recommend vehicular only access to the trade park via the by-pass and not London Road. The traffic assessment is also unlikely to have taken into account the extra traffic that will generated with the former Spicers site which will be occupied shortly.

We already have a lot of business commuter traffic taking up spaces in the village car park and on our roads. We want to be assured the increase in car use will not produce excess traffic through Sawston village and ask that you review the increase in traffic with the movement from the Spicers site.

We feel the A1301 could be a problem with traffic especially coming from McDonalds roundabout, traffic will sit on this 50mph bypass waiting to turn right into this site. We believe it would be safer to have a roundabout on the A1301 at the entrance point.

Traffic impact - we support the comments from neighbouring councils.

Sawston Parish Council would also like to see the improvement of the lighting on the pavement to the south of the village and along the A505 up to the Whittlesford station turn.

The Parish Council also feel there are not enough car parking spaces allocated on this site.

We would want to see the footpath and cycle path between the Trade Park and the McDonalds roundabout to be improved. We would also like to see the layby opposite McDonalds closed as there are often lorries parked there which narrows the footpath and makes it more dangerous for pedestrians and cyclists.

The Parish Council would like to know what is be proposed on the piece of land behind Iconix 3 building.

We fully support Pampisford Parish Councils comments regarding Nature Conservation and or impact on protected trees or the landscape - Steps should be taken and monitored throughout the development phase to ensure that existing trees and associated wild life are not damaged. Efforts should be made to control light pollution with lights turned off at night and carpark lighting directed downwards. It is essential that existing mature trees are protected during building and that all possible efforts are made not to damage any existing bat roosts. It would be preferable if native trees and shrubs were used in any soft landscaping and greater efforts were made to "green" the appearance of the site.

We would welcome efforts to prevent light pollution too on this site.